

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2021 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 15	Mar 15
Feb	Mar 26	Mar 30
Mar	Apr 16	Apr 20
Apr	May 21	May 25
May	Jun 23	Jun 23
Jun	Jul 16	Jul 20
Jul	Aug 20	Aug 24
Aug	Sep 17	Sep 21
Sep	Oct 22	Oct 26
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 23
Nov	Dec 17	Dec 21
Dec	Jan 25	Jan 25

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Leisure & Hospitality Employment
2020	Jun	1,460,100	107,800
	Jul	1,486,700	116,600
	Aug	1,491,000	116,600
	Sep	1,502,100	119,500
	Oct	1,512,700	119,700
	Nov	1,509,000	119,600
	Dec	1,513,400	117,700
2021	Jan	1,516,400	118,100

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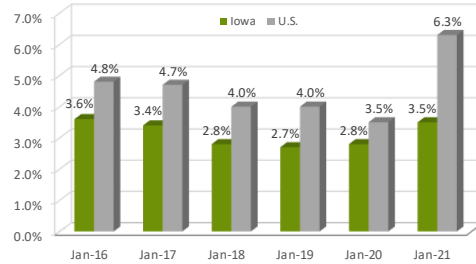
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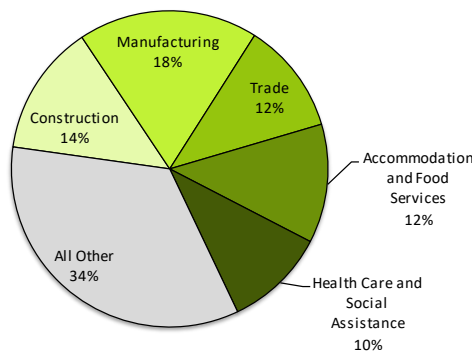
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates January 2016 - 2021



- Iowa's unemployment rate was 3.5 percent in January. The state's jobless rate was 2.8 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level increased to 1,567,800 in January from 1,559,600 in December.
- The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 6.3 percent in January.

Regular Unemployment Insurance Benefits by Industry January 2020-December 2020



- The pandemic has changed the industry distribution of unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Construction and manufacturing accounted for half the UI benefits in 2019. In 2020, they account for about one third.
- Accommodations and food services increased their share of benefits paid from 3 percent in 2019 to 12 percent in 2020.

- Total nonfarm employment added 3,000 jobs following an increase of 4,400 in December. With the exception of November's loss, jobs have been added in every month since April.
- Construction gained 1,000 jobs to lead all sectors. Although last summer was sluggish for this sector, hiring picked up in the fourth quarter with 5,100 jobs added since September.
- Manufacturing added 700 jobs in January. This sector trails last year's mark by 5,400 jobs due to durable goods factory losses.
- Private education was up 1,000 jobs, breaking the streak of job losses over the past four months. This sector has been slow to recover following the implementation of social distancing measures.
- Retail trade shed 1,300 jobs following a large seasonal gain of 3,400 jobs in December.
- Administrative support and waste management lost 1,100 jobs in January. This loss follows gains of 4,500 jobs in the fourth quarter of 2020.
- Since last January, 77,400 jobs have been shed in Iowa. Leisure and hospitality has accounted for over a third of the loss.

Total Nonfarm Employment January 2020 to January 2021

